

**REMARKS**

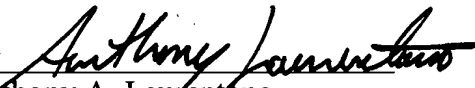
Preliminary to examination of this application, please amend claims 1-16 and 18-26 as set forth above. Applicants amend the claims to remove multiple dependencies, provide proper antecedent basis, and to address other matters of form. The foregoing amendments are not related to issues of patentability. Support for the amendments to the claims can be found throughout the specification, Figures and claims as originally filed.

Applicants respectfully submit that the foregoing amendments introduce no new matter. Entry of the foregoing Preliminary Amendment is in order and requested.

Applicants believe no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 12-0080, under Order No. FHW-129 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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